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For: **AGENT AND PROCESS FOR ISOLATION OF EXTRA-
CHROMOSOMAL NUCLEIC ACIDS**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated January 11, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The time for response has been extended for three months.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.